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EPISCOPAL DIOCESE JOINS REBUILDING EFFORTS FOR BURNED CHURCHES

TRENTON—The Rt. Rev. Joe Morris Doss, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, has called on all 64 members of the Diocese to join in the rebuilding of churches which have been damaged or destroyed in the recent outbreaks of arson.

"The torch of hatred has been lit and is destroying the houses of worship which are the centers of community and justice," Bishop Doss stated. "This is not a new phenomenon in the United States. Rather, it is another symptom of systemic and pernicious racism which infects our society."

His pronouncement follows an ecumenical gathering of religious leaders in which the Diocese joined with the state General Assembly to unite against the arson that has affected black churches in 15 states.

Last week Bishop Doss met in Washington with six Congress representatives from New Jersey to pledge his support and that of the Diocese of NJ to rebuilding efforts.

Doss endorses the proposed legislation of NJ Assemblymen Tom Smith and Alfrede Stele to impose tough penalties for arsonists who target churches, synagogues, mosques and other places of worship in the state. The proposed legislation would set a 10-year mandatory minimum prison sentence for arsonists who target places of worship. The jail term would increase to 15 years if the arsonist is in death. Doss added that Assemblyman Smith is a member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Ashbury Park.

Additionally, Doss named Clinton

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HOMESTEAD REBATE CHECKS TO BE MAILED EARLY

TRENTON—Governor Christie Whitman today said homestead rebate checks will be mailed by July 31, in keeping with her pledge to distribute the checks in July of each year.

State Treasurer Brian W. Clymer said approximately 1.3 million eligible homeowners and tenants will be receiving their checks within a few days of the mailing date. Traditionally, homestead rebates are mailed at the end of October.

"Homestead rebate checks should be in the hands of the state's eligible homeowners and tenants as quickly as we can possibly provide them, once the new budget year begins in July," said Gov. Whitman. "I'm pleased that we will be able to mail them later this month."

"This will be a welcome bonus to those who eagerly anticipate receiving the annual checks," said Treasurer Clymer. Eligible recipients include senior citizens who are 65 years of age or older, residents who are blind or disabled, and those under age 65 who earn less than \$40,000 a year.

NEWARK REVOKES JULY 4TH FREE CONCERT PERMIT

NEWARK—Dr. Beverly L. Hall, State Director Superintendent, for the Newark Public Schools, informed Nocate, Inc. that the permit issued to them for the concert they were sponsoring on July 4, at Usternfield Field has been revoked.

"The Newark Public Schools regretted having to take the action, especially in light of the intrinsic value of leisure time activities for our youth," Dr. Hall stated.

The unfortunate and dangerous incidents, surrounding a concert event at the Harlem State Office Building in New York City, June 27, where individuals were trampled in an effort to flee the site, caused the school district to remove its facility from consideration for the event.

Dr. Hall stated, "Our primary concern is for the health and safety of the children of Newark. We do not want to permit how our facilities be utilized when the risk of actual injury exists."

BLACK ACERSHEAT UP THE MOVIE SCREENS

by Terrence L. Dixon

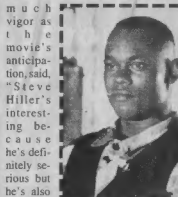


Eddie Murphy as overweight Professor Klump in the Nutty Professor.

This summer steams with African-American actors in smaching silver screen sizzlers, and they don't just have minor roles. They are stars and co-stars. Is this why the weather has been wacky? Is it the newest way for producers to make millions? Or has Hollywood allowed its senses? Whatever the reason, get used to seeing black faces in this summer's most watched movies.

It is possibly the most anticipated film this year, *Independence Day*. Will Smith, stars as Captain Steven Hiller along with Bill Pullman and Jeff Goldblum. Smith plays a Marine Captain in a race to save the world from a strange phenomenon that surfaces around the globe, with the skies lighting, and terror racing through the world's major cities. As these extraordinary events unfold, aliens from the unknown are on a mission to totally annihilate the world over the Fourth of July weekend. Hiller must stop them.

Will Smith, who takes on his role



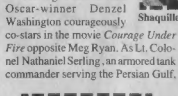
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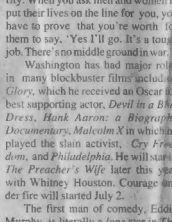
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NO END IN SIGHT

Citizens, clergy angry with slow actions to solve church arsons

by Kelly Howard

"The government should be more vigilant in solving this," said Clinton Crocker, "I haven't seen too many stories on this caught. Yet they plastered those involved in the Oklahoma bombing all over the newspapers. They have to catch them and let the people know."

Crocker is newly-appointed head of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey's effort to raise funds for rebuilding the churches and liaison with the state's General Assembly, is just one of many religious, and political figures that is upset about the lack of results in the investigations and the continued burnings.

"The federal government's response to the church fires has not only been lackluster. It has been criminal—a criminal assault on the African-American community that goes hand-in-hand with the Klan-style wave of fires," said Monica Moorehead, Workers World Party presidential candidate.

"The upset and anger felt by community, religious and civic leaders in a new fire that is brewing not only in the South, but in the North as well. Over the last 18 months 40 predominantly black churches across the Southeast

have been set on fire, and federal investigators have yet to find suspects for almost all of them.

Many have argued that the fires are racially motivated, but over the same eighteen month period 55 predominantly white churches were burned in the same Southern states as the predominantly black ones. While these figures appear to remove thoughts of racism, they now open widely those of religious persecution.

"These fires have desecrated the sacred symbols of one of our most cherished American values—freedom of religion," said New Jersey State Assemblyman Alfred E. Steele (D-Paterson), the Legislature's only clergyman.

Steele and fellow Assemblyman Tom Smith are two of a number of legislators who have been working on bills, measures and laws. These bills will increase funding for the investigation, send funds to the communities and churches, prevent more burnings, rebuild, hold formal hearings and double maximum prison sentence for church attacks.

Despite the passing of the many bills and measures, by state and fed-

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New AIDS treatment may not benefit blacks

by Terrence L. Dixon

HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, has a new enemy to keep it in check. Funding for this new treatment may not, however, benefit African-American HIV positive New Jersey residents—most of whom are either uninsured or unable to afford the expensive treatment.

The new AIDS treatment consists of three FDA approved drugs called *protease inhibitors*. The new drugs interfere with the enzyme *protease* that enables HIV to reproduce. People infected with AIDS who took the new medication displayed a dramatic reduction in the progress of the deadly disease. A report released this year by the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care said certain protease inhibitors can reduce the amount of the virus in a person by as much as 99 percent, especially when used in combination with other AIDS treatments.

New Jersey received a supplemental appropriation of \$3 million in federal funding for AIDS. Dr. Leah Ziskin, Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services, said, "We are working with clinicians and other professionals to get ideas on how to use the money wisely. We are also looking for advice from the International AIDS Conference for an exchange of ideas."

Despite the supplemental money, minority AIDS outreach programs doubt they will benefit from it. William Bell, director of the AIDS outreach and prevention program Project Fire, said, "We are not very well prepared. There is no training for it. The government needs to provide funding to train organizations on how the drugs can be effectively used. They could have a newsletter about new AIDS developments and disseminate information quickly and pick and choose organizations."

"There is an information gap," agreed Richard Jeffries, director of the AIDS Care Project in New York City. "The drug tends to be geared to the high-level education population." He said that many AIDS organizations know very little about the drugs, which means that people who use those services know even less.

Dr. Ziskin responded, "We are still formulating our policy. We would be very pleased to help all organizations disseminate the drug." She pointed out that New Jersey has a program for uninsured AIDS sufferers which spends about \$4 million on information and treatments.

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CBC meets with President Clinton on church arsons

Washington, DC—Donald M. Payne, Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, led a delegation of members to the White House for a private meeting with President Clinton this week to discuss key issues facing the African-American community.

Among the issues raised were the Supreme Court's decision on redistricting, affirmative action and the recent rash of church arsons. Chairman Payne called on the President to exert strong leadership to help unify the nation and educate the American public about the importance of key issues such as redistricting and affirmative action. "We must have strong leadership working to correct the misconceptions and inaccuracies put forth by the other side," Payne said.

Payne told the President that his visit to the Mt. Zion AME Church in Greenville following the fire there, and the President's remarks about the arsons in his weekly radio address, drew national attention to the tragedy. Earlier, the Caucus had written to the President urging him to visit a church site.

Pointing to the significant role of churches as the nucleus of African-American communities, Payne noted "The loss of a church is more than just the loss of a building. It goes to the very heart and soul of a community. Often historical records of the congregation are stored in churches, many of which

are over 100 years old."

"Bibles contain records of births and deaths, and sometimes there are burial grounds with the graves of the church founders. So much more than just a structure is lost when a church burns," Payne added.

An update on arson incidents at African-American churches was given by Congressman Cato Fields of Louisiana. He urged aggressive federal action to halt the burnings. The President told Caucus members that the church arson task force is working diligently to solve these cases and the Administration has expanded its work to include a prevention process within communities.

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Nissan donates \$100,000 for at-risk youth and adults

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PEOPLE

Community Calendar

Kicking up funds for summer arts camp

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10
NEWARK—The 22nd Annual Newark Black Film Festival continues with *Once Upon A Time... When We Were Colored* at 7 p.m. at Newark Symphony Hall. For more info call 201-596-6550.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Senior Citizens Service Center will hold a bus trip to Point Pleasant to board the River-Bell. For more info call 908-753-3506.

CRANFORD—Union County College will conduct Financial Aid Workshops for prospective college students at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7141.

THRU JULY 12
EAST ORANGE—The City of East Orange Division of Senior Citizens sponsored tour of Quebec and Montreal. For more info call 201-268-5853.

FRIDAY, JULY 12
JACKSON—The Second Annual "Celebrity Day" fund-raiser at Six Flags Great Escape to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. For more info call 908-351-1608.

SATURDAY, JULY 13
EAST ORANGE—NJ Economic Leadership Development Group's next meeting will be at 9 a.m. For more info call 201-674-1826.

SCOTCH PLAINS—The 26th Annual Union County Women's Public Links Tournament will be held at Ash Brook Golf Course. For more info call 908-527-4930.

WATCHUNG—The New Jersey Photography Forum will sponsor a lecture and seminar on producing and publishing a photography book from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Watchung Arts Center. For more info call 908-753-0190.

WESTFIELD—American from Magazine and Scott Jacobs Art Show will be held at Reflections on Canvas, Inc. from 3 to 7 p.m. For more info call 908-232-3745.

JULY 13 AND 14
PISCATAWAY—Circle Players will be holding auctions for the play *Shoguns of Separation* at 2 p.m. by appointment.

Calendar listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication

Get those recipes out

It's time for the 10th annual Jersey Fresh Dairy Recipe contest

MAPLESHADE—All New Jersey residents are invited to enter the 10th annual Jersey Fresh Dairy Recipe Contest. This year's featured topic is salad recipes using fresh fruits and/or vegetables and dairy products.

Judging will be based on taste appeal, creativity, ease of preparation and the effective use of dairy products. Recipes should not specify brand names, and entries must state the number of servings it renders and approximate preparation time.

Entries must be postmarked by midnight September 4, to be eligible. Semifinalist will be contacted to be present at the final judging which will take place in late September. For more information, contact the New Jersey State Dairy Princess Committee at 609-795-7402 or write for an entry form by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to 22 Ellis Street Haddonfield, NJ 08033.

Fabric Land has fabric available for donation

NORTH PLAINFIELD—Fabric Land of North Plainfield is donating clean, unused fabric in a variety of blends, colors and sizes, for charity purposes to non-profit organizations.

As a result of a Fabric Trade-in promotion, that runs from July 12 through July 31, Fabric Land will accept unused fabric from their customers at \$1 per pound and issue store credit, for up to \$50 per customer. Patterns, notions, yarns and buttons are also encouraged to be brought in for 10 cents per item in original packaging. For more information, call Fabric Land in North Plainfield, at 908-755-4700.

Plainfield Health Center revises transportation schedule

PLAINFIELD—In an effort to meet the changing needs of the patients at Plainfield Health Center (PHC), the present shuttle bus service schedule has been revised and a new schedule will become effective Monday, July 1.

Present schedules should be disregarded after June 30. Anyone seeking additional information should call Annaker & Porterfield at 908-753-6423.

For more info call 908-971-6648.

SUNDAY, JULY 14
WESTFIELD—American from Magazine Bike Show will be held at Reflections on Canvas, Inc. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info call 908-232-3745.

ELIZABETH—Alonzo "Hamburger" Jones will host the First Annual "Hamburger" Celebrity basketball game at Elizabeth High School's Dunn Sports Complex. For more info call 908-658-1684.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17
NEWARK—The 22nd Annual Newark Black Film Festival continues with *Harlem Diary* and *Adam Clayton Powell* at 6 p.m. at The Newark Museum. For more info call 201-596-6550.

CRANFORD—Union County College will conduct Financial Aid Workshops for prospective college students at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7141.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24
NEWARK—The 22nd Annual Newark Black Film Festival continues with *A Great Day in Harlem* at 7 p.m. at New Jersey Institute of Technology. For more info call 201-596-6550.

PLAINFIELD—Union County College will conduct Financial Aid Workshops for prospective college students at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more info call 908-412-3571.

THRU JULY 25
JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer its 27th annual Cinema Institute, a summer seminar on the development of film, from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. For more info call 201-200-1210.

THRU JULY 30
EAST ORANGE—The East Orange Farmers Market offers Jersey Fresh vegetables from the Garden State at City Hall Plaza Village from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Tuesday. For more info call 201-266-0938.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31
NEWARK—The 22nd Annual Newark Black Film Festival continues with *The Man by the Shore* at 7 p.m. at New Jersey Institute of Technology. For more info call 201-596-6550.

For more info call 908-971-6648.



EDISON—The Coalition of 100 Black Women, Newark chapter, recently donated \$5,000 to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Summer Arts Camp. The money was raised during a recent fund-raising event held at Nordstrom's Department Store at the Menlo Park Mall in Edison. Pictured kicking up their heels to celebrate are (from l) Coalition Board member Barbara James of Plainfield; student Norma Rivera; Coalition President Marion Fowler, of Plainfield; student April Smith and Coalition 2nd Vice President Brenda J. Murphy. The students attend Newark's Roberto Clemente School where they participated in the NJPAC Dance Academy at their school. NJPAC's Summer Arts Camp gives Dance Academy students an opportunity to continue their studies this summer.

Getting it together

UNION—Officer Brett Wyatt, Jr. (l) of the Kean College Safety Police Department recently participated in an Advanced Traffic Accident Investigation Course sponsored by the New Jersey Automobile Club Foundation for Safety & Education. The course provides police officers with the skills necessary to determine what happened at the scene of an accident and to offer expert testimony in court cases relating to traffic accidents. Wyatt is joined by Paul Kiehlblock, safety manager of the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club at Perth Amboy, in examining light bulbs taken from a vehicle involved in an accident.



Crawford named All-American scholar

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield resident Joyel Elizabeth Crawford has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar by The United States Achievement Academy and will appear in the All-American Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally. In addition, Crawford has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Elon College in North Carolina where she is a senior. The Dean's List is comprised of students with a grade no lower than a B and a GPA of at least 3.0 in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Sarah Wiggins Mitchell named to ARC committee



NORTH BRUNSWICK—Civil rights attorney Sarah Wiggins Mitchell, has been named to The Arc of New Jersey's executive committee. Mitchell, a resident of Philadelphia, is executive director of New Jersey Protection and Advocacy Inc., a non-profit agency which represents people with developmental disabilities. She is a former associate dean at Rutgers University School of Law.

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Hudson	28,240	Union	39,520
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National News
at a GlanceCHURCH BOMBINGS
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A church fire in North Carolina has been ruled arson and three teenagers were arrested in the April 16 fire that destroyed a black church near Richmond, Va. at NNPA dead line, bringing the total of 20 suspicious black church fires to at least 42 churches in the past 19 months. Meanwhile in New York, eight foundations announced \$2.7 million in grants to the National Council of Churches' Burned Churches Fund, which will help African-American congregations rebuild their burned churches and work to address the racism underlying the burnings. At the national meeting of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Louisville, Ky., bishops questioned the Clinton administration's position that the fires are not connected. The bishops said they want to meet with President Clinton to discuss this further. President Clinton is expected to sign a bill passed by both houses of Congress that increases penalties for those who defame religious property. The White House said the Federal Emergency Management Agency has set up a toll-free arson-prevention information line: 1-888-603-3100.

—WASHINGTON, DC

ACCESS TO INTERNET
SOUGHT BY BLACKS,
LATINOS

Only a small portion of the 15 million American users of the Internet is black and Latino. Some black and Latino computer activists are trying to change that, reports IPS wire service.

"There isn't sufficient access for populations of color and populations at the lower end of the economic spectrum," said Audrey Krause, executive director of Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility. "The basic problem is that poor people can't buy computers." IPS says, "A 1994 study by the Center for Media Education shows that computer ownership and computer use among African-Americans is barely half that to the white population. Only 14 percent of the Latino population possesses home computers. A governmental commitment to ensure increased public access to the Information Superhighway is needed, they argue."

—WASHINGTON, DC

FARRAKHAN ATTRACTS
THOUSANDS,
CONTROVERSIES IN
JAMAICA

Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, recently visited Jamaica, speaking to thousands at a time. Says the IPS wire service, "Observers said Farrakhan told the people what they want to hear, uplifting Rastafarians as the region's warriors of truth, and charging fathers to assume leadership of their families. He also urged Jamaicans to shed the image of colonial servitude after 34 years of independence from Britain." IPS says the visit caused much controversy, with talk of Farrakhan's trip being used to incite intra-racial political relations. —JAMAICA

TUTU RETIRES;
ANGLICAN CHURCH
NAMES SUCCESSOR

Desmond Tutu retired recently from his post as the Anglican archbishop for South Africa. He retired four months before turning 65, the usual age of retirement. Tutu came to the world's attention in 1984, when he won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work against apartheid in South Africa. Many considered him the main spokesman for the anti-apartheid movement until the release of Nelson Mandela in 1990. He will still serve as chairman of the Truth Commission, a body investigating the crimes committed during the apartheid era. His successor is Winston Ndungane, 55, a former anti-apartheid activist who had spent three years in jail for fighting for black rights.

—SOUTH AFRICA

Hazel Dukes warns of dangers of 'computer illiteracy'

NEW YORK, NY—Hazel Dukes, President of the New York State Conference of NAACP Branches, told delegates to the National Association of Market Developers 44th Annual Conference that blacks and Latinos must take pains not to be left behind on the "information superhighway."

"We must recognize the economic, social and educational implications of current and future advancements in technology," said Dukes. "Reports tell us that approximately 70 percent of all future jobs will be computer-related, and those who remain computer illiterate will earn one-quarter less income than others."

Citing a one-time publication called *Blacks in Engineering, Science and Technology*, published by the Washington, DC-based magazine "American Visions," Dukes said that many poor blacks and Latinos have been unable to take full advantage of the advances in computer technology in recent years.

She called for those who are involved in providing Internet access to consider ways to redress the situation.

Additionally, she noted that computers are now commonly used to

manage subways, assist in banking and supermarket transactions, and virtually eliminate the need for face-to-face contact in some educational and medical settings.

"We cannot afford to raise a generation of children who have neither access to nor an appreciation of computers and advanced communications devices," warned Dukes. "Not only is it unfair and immoral, it is simply not good business."

One onlooker who was impressed by Ms. Dukes' message was Mark Monteverdi, Manager of Public Programs, Philip Morris Companies Inc., a

representative of one of the conference's principal sponsors.

Monteverdi said, "Ms. Dukes' warning is both timely and on point in today's increasingly computer-oriented world."

"We applaud her for addressing an issue that too many others have ignored, and for sounding an important warning to an organization whose membership is in a position to help expand computer literacy in the minority community."

Born in Montgomery, Alabama, Dukes has long been an active force in the realms of civil rights and political

justice. She is a former president of both the National Board of Directors of the NAACP and the New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation. Today she serves on a number of boards and commissions and in a variety of professional organizations.

The 41-year-old National Association of Market Developers represents more than 500 black professionals engaged in marketing, sales, public relations and other related fields concerned with the delivery of goods and services to the African-American consumer market. The organization has 14 chapters nationwide.

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Additionally, Doss named Clinton Crocker of Tinton Falls to head the diocese-wide effort. Crocker, a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Red Bank, is an active community leader who is currently a member of the board of trustees of Brookdale College and was recently appointed by Governor William W. Roth to the board of trustees of Rutgers University.

Bishop Doss urges donations be sent to the Church Rebuilding Fund, which has been organized by the National Council of Churches. The address is The Church Rebuilding Fund c/o the National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 572, NY, NY 10115.

He also asked that prayers be offered for the congregations of the burned churches. "Along with our financial support, we need to assure our sisters and brothers that they are prominent in our prayers," Bishop Doss added.

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inflicted with the way that investigators have been handling the people in the communities, and their lack of results in solving the matter.

"Hundreds of FBI and ATF agents have investigated and intimidated African-American congregations, pastors and communities—fingerprinting them, forcing them to take lie-detector tests, implying that they set fire to their own churches," continued Moorehead. "In this way the government has further victimized the targets of racist violence."

Following in the steps of numerous churches, local and business organizations, President Clinton has designated \$6 million dollars to fight the church burnings and has pledged as much more money and manpower as needed "to make sure the struggle is won." The \$6 million dollars still to be approved by Congress would be an emergency transfer of Justice Department funds, and would go towards more police patrols, installation of flood lights, private security and overtime pay of police.

Other funds are being earmarked for investigation from Congress, and organizations such as Elektra Records, the National Council of Churches, and the NAACP for church rebuilding. The Rt. Rev. Joe Morris Doss, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey urges donations, but also asked that prayers be offered for the congregations of the burned churches. "Along with our financial support, we need to assure our sisters and brothers that they are prominent in our prayers."

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replication process. By then, HIV has already entered the cell's nucleus and has made long chains of proteins and enzymes that will be used to form new copies of the virus.

However, the long chains have to be cut into smaller pieces to be effective. The *protease inhibitors* prevent *protease* from cutting the long chains of proteins and enzymes into the shorter pieces. Although new HIV copies are released, they are defective and can not infect other cells.

While some people have tested negative for the presence of the virus, Jeffries warned that the virus is still in the body. The current tests can only detect the presence of HIV when 400 or more copies of it are in the bloodstream.

There has also been skepticism among AIDS patients because of bad experiences with drugs such as AZT and other promising treatments that failed. "We don't want to proclaim a



ST. LOUIS, MO—Thelma V. Cook (standing, c.) director of corporate community relations for Anheuser-Busch Companies, accepts the YWCA of the USA 'Racial Justice' award from Ann Stallard (2nd from r), YWCA national president, and Prema Mahabadi-Davis (2nd from l), YWCA executive director. The award, which recognizes Anheuser-Busch for its commitment to a diverse workforce and its community involvement initiatives nationwide, was presented during the YWCA's 34th annual convention held recently in St. Louis, MO. Dr. Dorothy Height, (seated c.) president of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), delivered the keynote address at the Racial Justice Awards dinner, which also honored YWCA members who are making a difference in their communities. Joining the awards presentation are Laurel Siemers (l), manager of public information for Anheuser-Busch, and David L. Kim (r), director of Asian Pacific American Markets, Anheuser-Busch.

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LIFESTYLE

Religious Calendar

THROUGH AUGUST 17
NEWARK—Presentation of the gospel play *Sliver* at Symphony Hall. Shows are Friday 7:30 p.m. and Saturday 2 p.m. For more info and tickets call Viola Sykes at 908-755-5706.

JULY 14, 21, 28
NEW YORK—"Great Oaves of Gospel" a rollicking musical revue about the women who made Gospel big in the music industry. Harlem's Victoria 5 Theater, 235 W. 125th St., call 212-926-0104 for tickets.

THRU JULY 13
PLAINFIELD—Vacation Bible School "Friendship Adventures with Jesus" at First Park Baptist Church from 6 to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 908-755-5322.

JULY 25 THRU AUGUST 2
NORTH PLAINFIELD—Vacation Bible School "Friendship Adventures with Jesus" at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church from 9 to 11 a.m. For more info call 908-755-2781.

Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10
ELIZABETH—Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse will hold a Youth Dialogue Training from 7 to 9 p.m. at Peterstown Community Center. For more info call 908-686-6644.

THURSDAY, JULY 11
PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Area American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at Rose of Sharon Church from 8 to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 908-756-6414.

TUESDAY, JULY 16
PLAINFIELD—United National Bank Community Education Center and The Plainfield TWCA Urban Women's Center are sponsoring a workshop on substance abuse from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info call 908-756-5000.

SUNDAY, JULY 21
WARREN—The Plainfield Area American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at Our Lady of the Mount from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info call 908-756-6414.

Hypertension among leading causes of impotence

NEWARK—According to case information compiled by the Impotence Centers of America (ICA), hypertension, or high blood pressure is one of the leading causes of impotence among African-American men in the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area.

Dr. Bernard Lehtroff, ICA medical director, noted that the findings are consistent with national figures on the disease, but added that regional case studies also indicate a higher percentage of impotence among African-American men.

"It is widely known that a large segment of the African-American male population suffer from hypertension—but, what most do not know is that this

is one of the primary causes for those also suffering from sexual dysfunction," stated Dr. Lehtroff, a board certified urologist.

"Locally, we also have discovered a high ratio of impotence cases among African-American men, compared to regional population percentages. Our records indicate that 36 percent of the cases handled by ICA are African-American—almost double the percentage of African-American men in the general population."

Hypertension is a vascular disorder affecting the normal flow of blood primarily through the arteries, which has a direct effect on men's sexual ability. Reasons why a large segment of the African-American male population

suffer from hypertension include heredity, diet and stress related factors.

"In addition to hypertension, impotence can be caused by a variety of other issues such as diabetes, cardiovascular conditions, Peyronie's disease, pelvic surgery or trauma, hormonal problems, and prescription drugs," stated Lehtroff. "The majority of cases are physical in nature and, therefore, curable. But, men have to overcome their natural embarrassment and seek treatment."

For more information on the disease and types of treatments, impo-

tence sufferers can call 800-515-5005.

Facts about impotence:

- Impotence affects some 25 million men throughout the United States of which fewer than 5 percent seek treatment simply because they are too embarrassed.
- Impotence is not a normal consequence of aging, yet affects most men over the age of 50, who too often just except their sexual dysfunction without investigating treatment options.
- 64 percent of men with coronary artery disease experience some degree of impotence after heart attack

or surgery.

Over 200 prescription drugs have been implicated as causing or contributing to impotence.

A diagnosis of impotence is often established through medical, sexual, and psychological history.

Treatments for impotence include counseling or sex therapy, lifestyle adjustments, topical vasodilators (e.g. nitroglycerin), oral medications, hormone replacement therapy, injectable medications and invasive/surgical procedures (As a general rule, the least invasive procedure should be utilized first).

Get into the Carnival spirit with East Orange

EAST ORANGE—The spirit of a Caribbean Carnival is the theme as the city of East Orange kicks off its seventh annual "Jazz at the Plaza" series on Tuesday, July 16 with a performance by vocalist Jon Lucien.

The free concert begins at 6 p.m. in the newly renovated plaza in front of East Orange City Hall. This year, the jazz series will feature both nationally and internationally known musicians from the Caribbean as the city celebrates the tenth anniversary of the New Jersey Caribbean Parade and Carnival.

Opening for Jon Lucien is the vocal group Sepia.

On July 23, Jerry Gonzalez and the Fort Apache Band are featured. Formed in 1980 by Bronx-brothers Jerry and Andy Gonzalez, the Fort Apache Band's work has been cited as the most innovative and authentic interpretations of what is known as Latin jazz.

In 1995 the group received a Grammy nomination for their "Crossroads" recording. On Tuesday, August 13, the series concludes as East Orange kicks off Caribbean Carnival Week in the city with the humorous, politically oriented calypso and soca rhythms of soul-calypso or festive music of The Mighty Sparrow. Dubbed the quintessential calypsonian, The Mighty Sparrow has spent the last forty-one years thrilling



Jon Lucien

and charming audiences throughout the world with his "witty intellect and commanding voice and stage presence," while offering musical commentary on the political and social events of the day.

There will be a limited number of seats available at City Hall Plaza. In the event of rain, the concerts will take place in the East Orange High School gym on



Sepia

Winans Avenue between Main and William Streets. Food and crafts vendors will also be available during the concerts. For additional information call 201-266-5123/5147.

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BUSINESS

Business Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

NEWARK—Air Services Development Office will host a meeting on joining the New Jersey Air Service at 9 a.m. at Newark International Airport, building 80. For more info call 201-961-4278.

JULY 10 & 11

SECAUCUS—New York-New Jersey Minority Purchasing Council "Expo 96" Meadowlands Convention Center, call Monica Gray 212-522-7632.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

SCOTCH PLAINS—"How to Survive in Today's Economy" seminar for business owners at 7 p.m. at Park Place Restaurant. For more info call 800-932-0093 or 908-494-4795.

United National Bank Community Education Center and Business Owners Institute, Inc. will hold a business clinic from 6 to 8 p.m. For more info call 908-756-5000.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

PHILADELPHIA—AT&T in partnership with the African-American Chamber of Commerce of Philadelphia presents "Using Information and Technology to Grow Your Business" For more info call 1-800-448-2766, ext. 3628.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

NEWARK—Regional Business Partnership will host their Business Breakfast Series, sponsored by Moore Stephens, P.C. at The Newark Club from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. For more info call 201-245-6237.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

METUCHEN—"How to Survive in Today's Economy" seminar for business owners at 7 p.m. at Cayan Restaurant. For more info call 800-932-0093 or 908-494-4795.

TUESDAY, JULY 23

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Calendar listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication

Corporation tax drops for small business in New Jersey

Trenton—The corporation tax rate for small businesses will drop from nine percent to seven and a half percent in July giving New Jersey the lowest tax rate in the region for small business. In addition, as of April, the sales tax is now eliminated on yellow pages advertising which is how most small businesses advertise.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy," said Governor Whitman. "It is companies like these that are creating jobs and increasing prosperity in our neighborhoods and across our state."

Small businesses are a significant component of the state's economy, employing more than 1 1/2 million New Jerseyans. Approximately 213,300 or 98 percent of all businesses in New Jersey are considered small businesses, employing less than 100 people each. More than half, approximately 130,000 companies, employed fewer than five.

Commerce Commissioner Gualberto Medina noted that there have been several recent actions by the state to help small businesses.

For example, the New Jersey De-

velopment Authority for Small Business, Minority and Women's Enterprises agreed to provide loan guarantees of up to \$50,000 for small businesses.

With this guarantee, a business will be able to borrow money against the payments owed to them by their customers explained Medina.

"We did this because we heard over and over again from small business owners that support like this is central to help them succeed," said Medina.

In fiscal year 1995, the Department

of Commerce's Division of Development for Small Businesses and Minority Businesses assisted small businesses to obtain \$85 million in state contracts, minority vendors to obtain \$11 million and women business owners to obtain nearly \$34 million. In 1995, the Atlantic City Casinos contracted out \$243 million in business to minority and women-owned businesses certified by the Department of Commerce.

The state Economic Development Authority has several financing programs available to small businesses, including the Statewide Loan Pool Program, which has provided \$300 million in loans to small businesses. It also offers technical and financial assistance through the entrepreneurial

training and contractors assistance programs it manages, for the New Jersey Development Authority.

For high-tech companies, the new Tech Center of New Jersey, which should open in late 1997, will allow emerging high technology businesses to locate their business in a state-of-the-art facility. The Center will provide affordable laboratory and production facilities for emerging technology companies.

The state has also helped fund four small business incubators in Newark, Trenton, Piscataway Arsenal and Burlington County College. The incubators have a record of success. Of the 25 firms who have graduated, more than 80 percent are still in business.

SBA opens new center

NEWARK—The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will focus its efforts and resources to spur small business development throughout New Jersey through the agency's newly created Business Information Center.

According to Francisco Marrero, SBA's New Jersey district director, the SBA is making its 1200 square foot state-of-the-art reference facility available to small business owners and start-up companies in search of information that will help them expand or start their businesses.

The Business Information Center, located within the SBA office at Two Gateway Center in downtown Newark, offers its visitors seven computer consulting stations, over 200 sample business planning guides, a library of CD-ROMs, books, publications, videos and software packages that can provide businesses with information on demographics, business planning, as well as access to software that can create spreadsheets, brochures and business forms.

According to Marrero, the SBA received a \$35,000 corporate gift from Valley National Bank to launch the center, and has received additional funding from Bell Atlantic, Banco Popular, Prestige State Bank, Dun & Bradstreet and the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE).

"Through this public/private partnership, the SBA will offer comprehensive financial and technical assistance to small businesses," said Marrero. "Our customers will now have access to the latest technology and information that is available."

According to Marrero, the Business Information Center is part of President Clinton's Enterprise Community initiative. Under the Clinton Administration, 72 urban and 33 rural communities were designated as Empowerment Zones or Enterprise Communities. In December of 1994, Newark was one of the 500 applicants chosen by the Clinton Administration to become an Enterprise Community.

"The intent of the Enterprise Community, is to help stimulate economic growth in Newark and other New Jersey communities that are economically under-served," said Marrero. "We believe that the Business Information Center will play a vital role in supporting the President's community redevelopment strategy to rebuild our neighborhoods."

The Business Information Center is open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For additional information about the Business Information Center, contact Oscar Palacios of the SBA at 201-645-3968.

Caucus

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In discussing the rebuilding component of the response to the arson, Henry Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, said "If we do this right, if we rebuild these churches with the combined energies of the public and private sectors, it also sends a powerful message that, as the President said in Greeleyville, 'The forces of hatred cannot win.'"

Congressman Jim Clyburn of South Carolina, whose Congressional District is directly threatened by the Supreme Court's redistricting decision, urged the President to explain to the American public the seriousness of the Supreme Court decision for the entire nation and to speak out about the constitutionality of the Voting Rights Act.

Congressman Jim Clyburn of South Carolina delivered a report on Affirmative Action. Among his recommendations were that the President instruct all appropriate government agencies that strong enforcement of Affirmative Action under existing law is the Administration's policy and must continue.

Clyburn also informed the President that the Caucus will be submitting testimony on the federal prosecution reforms for the record. President Clinton said that his Administration is defending its programs and that he has met with the government agencies to ensure that these set-asides be maintained so that African American businesses will continue to have access to government contracts.

The President pledged that on the budget and other key issues, members of his Cabinet would work directly with the Caucus to ensure that their input is reflected in the Administration's initiatives.

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SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS RULING BARRING RACE-BASED ADMISSIONS

The United States Supreme Court has failed to take up the case of a lower court ruling that barred public universities from considering a prospective student's race as part of admissions criteria. The court rejected an appeal from the University of Texas, which had sought to overturn a decision stopping a law school affirmative action program. The court's decision still leaves the issue of the correctness of affirmative action policies up in the air.—TEXAS

STUDY: LATINO CHILDREN VICTIMS OF SYSTEM

A new study shows that Latino children are being going on for only a short time. The FDA approved the drugs at a much faster rate than usual. There may be unexpected side effects although the reports are glowing.

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"Voices of the Latino Community." According to the IPS wire service: "The study found that Hispanic children make up 12 percent of the country's children, reflecting a growth rate seven times higher than other groups. It also reveals that in 1994, 94 percent of the victims of child abuse and neglect in the United States were Latino, representing a 2.5 percent rise over the previous year. Different racial classifications in different states are one reason why these children are not visible on welfare rolls and data sheets, the study said.

—MICHIGAN

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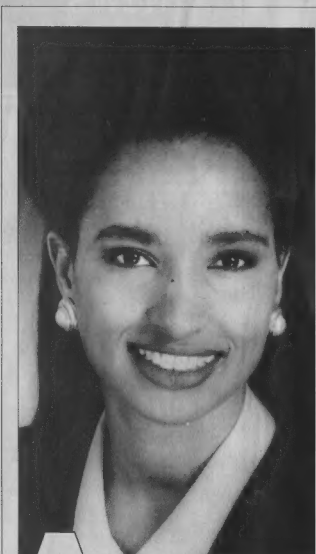
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